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DEPARTMENT FOR MEDICAID SERVICES
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Nursing Facility Provider Letter # A-191

Dear Nursing Facility Provider:

Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is the single designated state agency for the administration of the Title XIX program under the Social Security Act. As a condition of approval of the State Medicaid Plan, Kentucky is required to operate a Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) program that meets the CMS regulatory requirements. The Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services (DHM/MRS), as the designated state mental health and mental retardation authority, is responsible for assuring that the PASRR Level II evaluations are conducted, and determinations are made, in accordance with Federal regulations and DMS instruction. The DHM/MRS subcontracts this function with the fourteen Community Mental Health/Mental Retardation Boards, which operate local community mental health/mental retardation centers throughout the state. These community mental health/mental retardation centers conduct the PASRR Level II evaluations for persons who have a mental illness or mental retardation/related condition.

It has come to the attention of the DMS that clarification is needed regarding the nursing facilities responsibility as it relates to the PASRR program. Nursing facilities are required to notify the local community mental health/mental retardation centers, as applicable, promptly after a significant change in the physical or mental condition of a resident who has a serious mental illness or mental retardation/related condition pursuant to 907 KAR 1:755, Section 8 (1) and Section 4 (3)(d). The change in condition must affect either the resident's need for continued nursing facility placement or specialized services.

Attached you will find a list of Regional PASRR Coordinators to assist you with these Level II evaluations. If you have any questions or comments please contact Judy Montfort, RN, NCI at 502-564-5707.

Sincerely,

Mike Robinson
Commissioner

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Attachments

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